

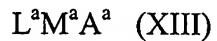
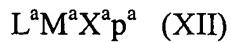
Amendments to the Specification

In the first sentence after the title, please insert:

This application is the U.S. national phase of International Application PCT/EP2003/007485, filed July 9, 2003, claiming the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/394,614, filed July 9, 2002; the disclosures of International Application PCT/EP2003/007485, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/394,614, each as filed, are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 25, and ending at line 29, with the following paragraph.

A further preferred class of transition metal organometallic catalyst compounds is a ~~are~~ late transition metal complex of formula (XII) or (XIII):



wherein M^a is a metal belonging to Group 8, 9, 10 or 11 of the Periodic Table of the Elements (new IUPAC notation);